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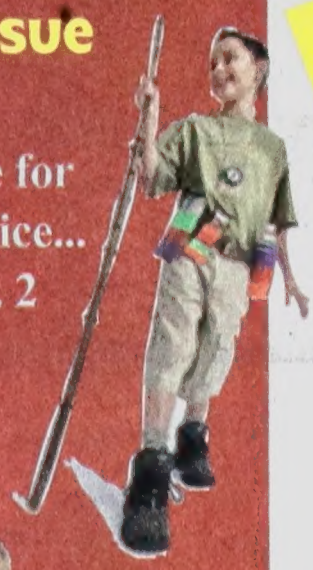

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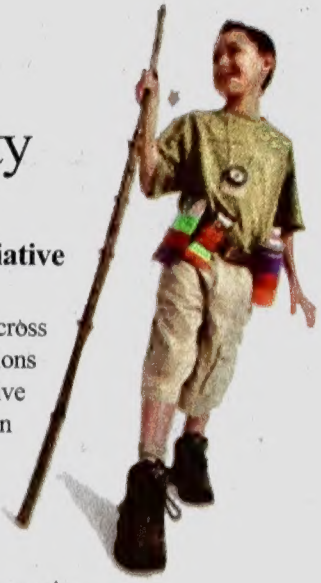
Collect pledges and join SIRCH at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) for a five km hike on Haliburton's Head Lake Trail or a one km hike around the track.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. in the cafeteria and the hike begins at 10:45 a.m.

Post activities include BBQ, draws, entertainment and awards for individual and teams with the most pledges collected.

100 per cent of all funds raised stay in the community!

To donate or to obtain a pledge form visit www.sirch.on.ca.



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A unique national fundraising event across Canada that brings together organizations working together in hospice palliative care to raise funds and awareness in their community!

Why host a hike?

- To raise much needed funds for hospice palliative care in Canada, but also to raise awareness of the many challenges faced by hospice palliative care and to promote the phenomenal work that all volunteers and professionals in the field perform daily.
- Funds raised through the hike can ensure that more Canadians can receive the end-of-life care they wish for.
- 100 per cent of the funds raised stay in your community.

Highlights from Hike 2008

- Over 97 hike sites participated!
- Over $1,000,000 was raised nationally, which was an increase of more that $200,000 from Hike 2007.
- New online fundraising Hike website supported by CHPCA with no expense to hike sites.
- Online fundraising website helped increase funds and awareness in communities.

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According to the United Nations World Food Program over 7% of the people in the world are currently suffering from serious, chronic malnutrition. The frightening thing is that due to the global food crisis that number has increased by more than 75 million people since 2008.

The starving children of the world need a response and more than 100 students at HHSS are responding by doing the 30 Hour Famine on Thursday, April 30th. Currently, they are collecting pledges for World Vision to take a bite out of global hunger and on April 30th they'll be doing a food drive for the 4 C's within the town of Haliburton. This food drive happens between 4 and 6pm. Hopefully we will be able to get to each house within the Village of Haliburton. We look forward to the opportunity to knock on your door and hope that you will be able to partner with us in this worthy cause!

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Spotlight on Business

By Mark Arike

Ensuring Your Vehicles Are Good to Go

From Cars to Snowplows and More, Triple T Transmissions Is Your One-Stop Shop

Since 1992, Triple T Transmissions out of Irondale has been servicing practically all makes and models of vehicles. The family team that operates the business not only has years of experience, but they also have the qualifications to get the job done right the first time around.

When Triple T Transmissions was first started 17 years ago, Alan Bunn (the current owner) opened up the shop, which is located at 9225 on Cty Rd. 503 in Irondale. Prior to coming to the area, he also operated a similar car shop in Holland Landing with his brother Bill.

"I started building this building in 1990 and opened up it up with my family in 92'," he explained.

Currently, Alan's son Michael works for him and his wife Norma is also involved in the day-to-day operations of their automotive business. Years ago, his son Kevin also worked at the business, but he passed away in an accident seven years ago.

"It's a family orientated business," said Alan. "My son Michael does a lot of the work on vehicles and my wife helps to clean the shop and does numerous other things."

In addition to providing vehicle repair work, Triple T Transmissions offers a host of other services.

"We do all general repairs, we specialize in vehicle drive line (i.e.: transmissions, transfer cases, differentials), we certify vehicles," he pointed out.

Once the snowplow season kicks into high gear, things really start to get busy.

"When snowplow season starts in October we're solid busy until the end of January. It never stops. At that time we're selling parts, repairing snowplows, and doing installations on half ton, three quarter ton and one ton trucks."

Triple T Transmissions is also a dealer of synthetic oils by AMSOIL and a dealer for Arctic snowplows.

As for Alan's role in the business, he does a little bit of everything. Not only does he tend to the administrative side of the things, he is also the hands-on worker who grew up around vehicles for the better of his life.

"I got into the vehicle repair business in 1978, which is just after my brother got into it in 1974. At one point in time he worked for Mr. Transmission. That company eventually approached my brother and I to open up a shop in Winnipeg, but we turned the offer down and decided to run our own shop together," Alan explained, pointing out that the two went their separate ways in 1992.

At the beginning, Alan says he gained a lot of his knowledge about vehicles through self-training. He did, however, eventually study courses that taught him basic theory.

"When I started in 78' I just

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went right into transmissions," explained. "I started building them right there and then. I went and bought books, learned from my brother, and in 1982 I went to Centennial College so I could write my exam. I didn't have to do any apprenticeships because of all the years spent working with my brother."

The Triple T Transmissions building features 2,000-square-feet of space with a two-bay shop. Inside there is an abundance of essential equipment and tools that are required for doing different jobs. Some of these tools of the trade include hoists, transmission jacks and a Snap-On scanner.

One of the unique pieces of equipment that Alan uses is called a "Flush It". The device is used to flush a vehicle's transmission fluid.

"We put the vehicle on a hoist, hook up hoses to the car and oil is pumped through the whole unit," said Alan.

The purpose of a flush is to clean out the transmission fluid, and replace it with new fluid.

"Transmissions should be looked at about every 75,000 kilometers," explained Alan. "They should be serviced and a diagnoses of the vehicle should be conducted to make sure that nothing is wrong. It's liking checking your vehicle once a year to make sure it's properly certified for the road."

In mid May, Alan will be getting another useful piece of equipment that will help speed up the process of pinpointing a problem area on a vehicle. This diagnostic computer software is called the Motor ALLDATA system.

"With the software you can punch in the year of the vehicle (between 1982-2009) and it'll show me methods to repairing a problem, where to find a component that is in need of repair and more," said Alan. "It has a lot of goodies on it that a lot of shops don't have."

The Motor ALLDATA software is used along with Alan's Snap-On scanner – which is also a diagnostics machine that can be used to indicate a problem if the vehicle's engine light comes or, or while the car is undergoing a test drive.

The new tool will allow Alan to show a client exactly what is going on with the vehicle and what it will take to make the necessary repairs.

"Say that there is a problem with the brakes, then this will show us what it is and what needs to be looked at," he explained. "The vehicle could be in a no start-up condition that could take all day to fix or it could just be a broken wire. It may be something that seems like a minor repair to the client but takes up to a few to several hours of labour. I would be able to show them, on the computer, what we had to go through to make the repair, and that clearly shows them why it could take so long."

A typical service, which includes the transmission flush, other needed transmission service, replacement of the oil pan gasket, installation of a new filter and a test drive, usually takes between one to one-and-a-half hours to complete, depending on the type of vehicle.

Alan says that Triple T Transmissions offers competitive pricing, especially in comparison to shops in urban centers.

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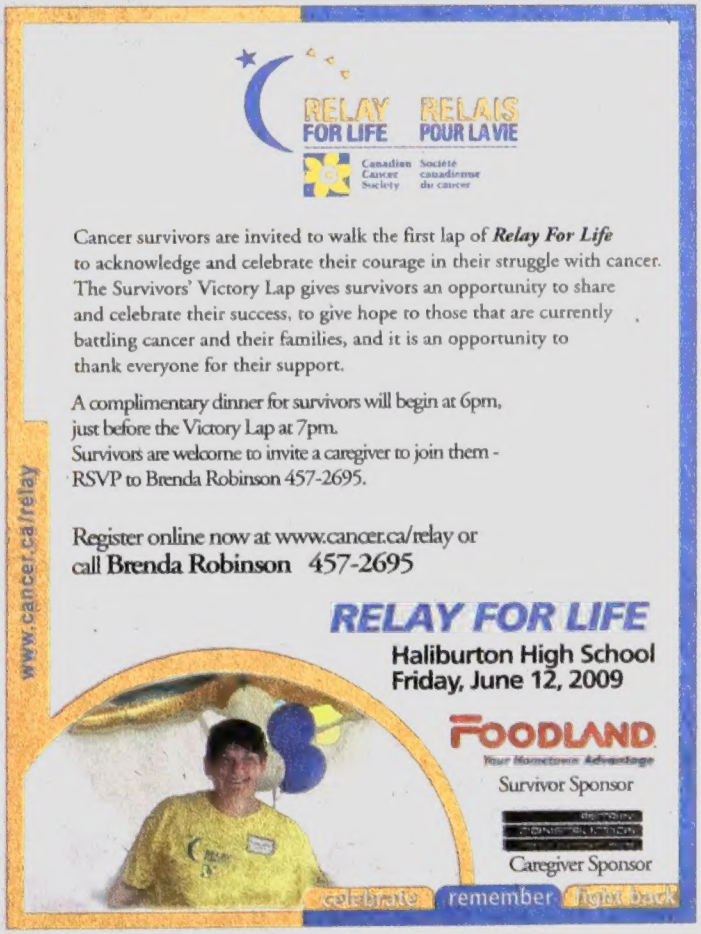

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More On the Course

A Master Educator course is typically five days in length and designed for people who are actively teaching others backcountry skills or providing recreation information to the public. 2009 Master Course Schedule

As of January 2008, there are over 2200 Leave No Trace Masters world wide representing nine countries and 50 U.S. states! This valuable training is recognized throughout the world by the outdoor industry and land management agencies. The profile of course graduates is highly varied from USFS and NPS backcountry rangers to scout leaders, from outdoor retail executives to school teachers, from college outing club members to outfitters and guides.

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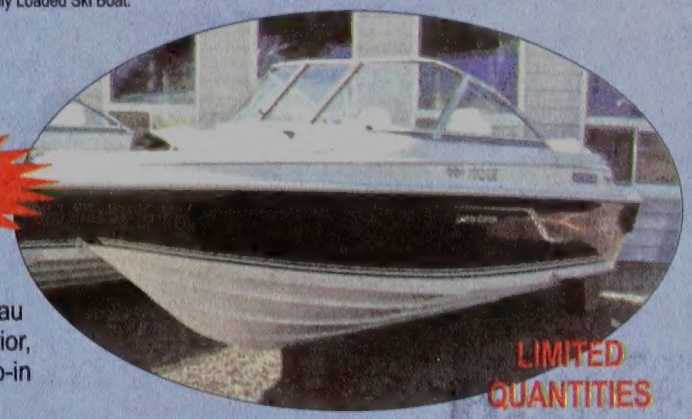

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"Fun" is the Motto at New Business

Outgoing Candy Connoisseurs Open Up Shop Number Three -- in Haliburton

New Business

By Mark Arike

For the past several weekends, crowds of people have been getting their fix at one of Haliburton's newest businesses.

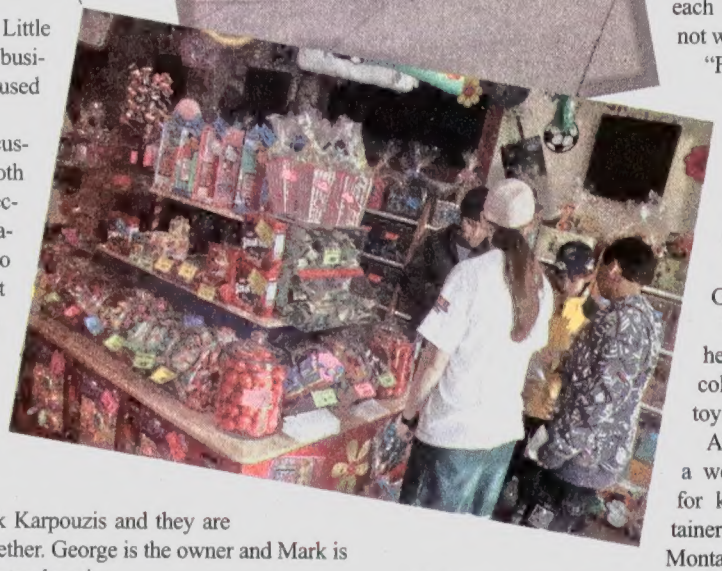
Although this store hasn't even had its grand opening yet, both young and old have managed to locate the building on 167 Highland St. rather easily, where they quickly learn that indulging, letting loose and having a whole lot of fun are what this animated place is all about.

Maybe it's the colourful decals on the outside of the building and the neon 'open' sign that has caught their attention. Perhaps they've witnessed a few happy, giggling children strolling through the door, who end up walking out with a handful of goodies and big grins on their faces.

Regardless of how they found out about "The Coolest Little Ice Cream Shop", one thing is for certain; it's a business that has already become a blockbuster hit in the community with locals and tourists alike.

About a month ago, The Coolest Little Ice Cream Shop was opened up for business in the space that previously housed Codfather's fish & chips restaurant.

Within this one-of-a-kind shop, customers have access to the best of both worlds. Not only is there a wide selection of Kawartha Dairy ice cream flavours to choose from, but there's also an extensive line-up of candy's to get your mouth watering. The choice is, well, amazing.



So who are the masterminds behind this business? Where did they come from? And why did they choose Haliburton as the place to open up a candy-land oasis?

Their names are George and Mark Karpouzis and they are cousins who work in the business together. George is the owner and Mark is the acting store manager at the Haliburton location.

George first got into the business of candy and fun one year ago, but in that short amount of time he's expanded to three stores. Starting a candy franchise was never on his mind – it was more like something that he stumbled upon by chance.

"I graduated with a political science degree at York University and was either going to become a kindergarten teacher or go to law school," he explained in a recent interview.

But after receiving his degree, he decided that he wanted to do something different rather than head to the classroom once again.

He went on to run a cleaning business for 13 years called "Mr. Clean It" – a cleaning service for restaurants. But over time, George found that the job didn't fulfill his desire to have fun all the time, everyday. Last year, he went ahead and took the necessary steps to launch something totally different.

"I went and took over a convenience store, which was located in Cedar Beach at Mussleman's Lake (a small community six kilometers from Stouffville). It was a very dull, mundane grocery stop. With that store I had a blank canvass and I just went to town," said George, who transformed the building into an ice cream store, dollar store, convenience store and candy store all under one roof.

But that wasn't enough. He wanted to spice things up a bit and add more of a fun atmosphere to the place.

"I expanded on the candy part of it. I quickly realized that 80 per cent of my clientele were kids and that the other 20 per cent were adults looking for some more fun in their lives," he said.

According to George, all it takes is a little bit of candy and ice cream to help brighten a person's day.

"After a big serving of Kawartha Dairy moose-tracks how can you not smile?" he asked customers who were shopping around the Haliburton store during a recent weekend.

After facing some challenges in his own life, George explained that he needed to take on each every day with a positive outlook and not waste one minute of any day.

"Five years ago, I had a sister who came down with brain cancer," he explained, "she's in remission and she's doing well. But you quickly realize that life is short it's not guaranteed to you. When you wake up in the morning you have to say 'thank you', smile and enjoy it."

At his second store in Stouffville, George took fun to a whole other level.

"It has a kid's night club in the back it," he laughed. "On the walls I've put up a collection of 38, six-foot and taller plush toys."

At that store, he also shows movies once a week and brings out bands to perform for kids. For example, one of the entertainers (and a store employee) is a Hannah Montana impersonator.

Mark runs around to each of his three stores, but he's also employed his cousin Mark to help run the day-to-day operations at the stores. Mark has been at the new Haliburton store practically every weekend so far, and he will continue to stick around in the summer.

George found out about Haliburton after he saw an online posting that asked for tenants for the building that houses his candy store. Mark and George immediately drove up to the Village during a snowstorm in December, stopped by the building, and knew that they had found their match.

"I didn't even have to go inside," explained George. "I just took a peek in through the window, headed back home and gave a call to the landlord at midnight that day to say that I wanted to sign the lease."

So how long did it take to move all the mounds of candy into the store? According to Mark, it was quite a labour intensive process.

"It took seven midnight runs and three Sunday's to get it all here," he said.

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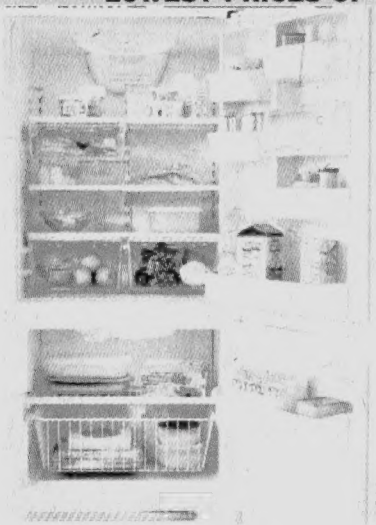

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This music concert/fundraiser, set to take place on Friday, June 5, in Haliburton's Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, will feature headlining act 'Max Senitt Y Sus Amigos.'

Other acts include the 'HHSS Jazz Combo' and lots more local HHSS alumni (TBA). The fundraising aspect of the show is to provide proceeds to the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Jazz Program for an advanced 'master class workshop' with Max Senitt and his band earlier in the day of the performance.

This is especially cool because Max Senitt himself is a former HHSS student who has pursued his dreams of becoming a successful jazz musician. He is now willing and excited to share is experience and expertise with other aspiring jazz musicians from his home town.

Come check out this amazing band perform and see what the HHSS Jazz Combo learned from them earlier in the day!

Tickets are $20 and will be available at The Art Hive, The Rails End Gallery and the Minden Cultural Centre.

For more information call 705-935-0042 or email specialperformances@gmail.com.

MAX SENITT Y SUS AMIGOS – brief bio and quotes

Max Senitt Y Sus Amigos (Dustin Shaskin, Jacek Karlowski, and Mike Wark) combine a healthy balance of musical challenge with universal accessibility. They incorporate a mix of Latin, Reggae, World, Funk, and Modern Jazz elements, producing an exciting and fresh sound that always leaves audiences wanting more.

"Max and his Latin Jazz quartet have been an amazing addition to our line-up. They perform with energy and enthusiasm, and their music is a guaranteed crowd-pleaser." - Jin Ding, owner of Gate 403 Jazz Club in Toronto

"Max Senitt and his band turn concerts into events! The ensemble is always super tight and wildly playful!" Jaymz Bee Producer & Host JAZZ.FM91 Radio Station

"Max Senitt y sus Amigos combines authentic Latin rhythms and great original tunes with odd time signatures and jazz improvisation into a blend that is at once sophisticated, cooking and fun to listen to. Check them out!" - Ted Quinlan, Head of Guitar Department at Humber College

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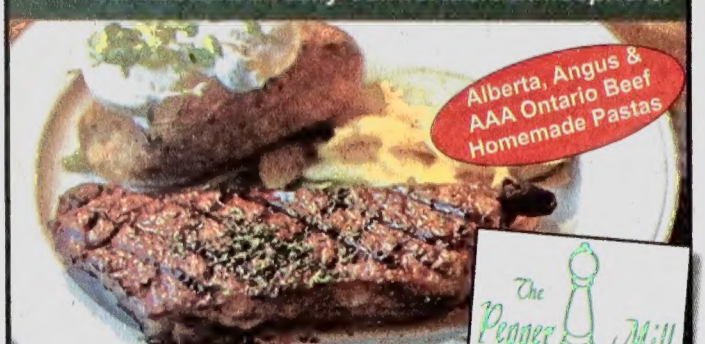

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Candy Store Cont'd...

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"It was crazy. I practically had candy overflowing onto my lap when we were coming up in the truck."

At the Haliburton store, you'll find over 100 different types of candy. Some of the popular favourites include: Pucker Puff Powder, bottle caps, custom handmade lollipops, and jawbreakers,

On top of all that, there are about 20 different flavours of Kawartha Dairy ice cream at The Coolest Little Ice Cream Shop. You can get ice creams cones and milkshakes, which are both reasonably priced.

At the "bar" area in the back of the room, kids (and adults) can sit back, chat and enjoy the popular Pop Shoppe brand of soft drinks, get some fresh cotton candy whipped up for them and try to beat some high scores on a couple of classic arcade machines.

Once the Victoria Day weekend arrives, the store will be open seven days a week. The front doors usually open by 9 a.m. and the joint is kept open well into the evening if there are customers who want to stick around.

If you have any suggestions for George about what he should carry in his store and if you have any other inquiries, contact him by email at justaskgeorge@gmail.com.

And even if you don't plan on buying anything in the store, but just want to take a look around, you're more than welcome to do so. You'll end up walking out with some free airborn candy (also known as George's form of a business card) no matter what!

Be on the lookout for more surprises that these two have in store for the summer!

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"Wild About Nature"

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Second Gala Celebration of Environmental Excellence

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) invites everyone to their Gala fundraising event on Friday, May 22 at the Minden Community Centre, starting at 6 pm with the auction preview and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner catered by the Wild Orchid and Grill on the Gull follows at 7 pm.

The Gala, "Wild About Nature", is a celebration of environmental excellence. The evening will feature an awards ceremony for Enviro-Heroes – individuals, businesses or organizations that have made a major contribution to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment.

There are six categories: Education, Stewardship, Business, The Arts, Health and Youth.

It is with great pleasure that they announce that there have been 28 Enviro-Hero nominations from the public. The caliber of the people, organizations and businesses nominated is outstanding.

Their panel of judges, Barb Bolin, Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council member, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey and Barrie Martin, HHLT director, will have a difficult time choosing a winner in each category.

All nominees will be recognized at the event and the winning nomination in each category will receive a special award designed by past Land Trust director and renowned artist, Mary Anne Barkhouse.

Included in the evening are environmentally themed auctions of art, products and experiences. New this year are three fabulous raffles: a John Lennard painting, a set of two silver raven rings by Mary Anne Barkhouse and a three-day/two-night experience package from Yours Outdoors. Entertainment will be provided by Abbey North Drummers and Ryan Dawson, spoken word poet.

Jack Brezina and Mike Jaycock will be your hosts for the evening. Please join us in celebrating all the Enviro-Heroes of Haliburton County. For tickets to the event, please email s.ziman@sympatico.ca or call 705-754-2532.

Enviro-Hero Nominations List

Health

A person or organization whose environmental activities promote, exemplify or result in healthy lifestyles.

Rosie Kadwell

Stewardship

A person, landowner or organization that has provided leadership in conserving and protecting our water, forests, flora, fauna or mineral resources.

Donald Benson, Leora Berman, Mark and Sandra Bramham, Bonnie Fleischaker, Paul Heaven, Robert Lovelace, Charles Tyler, Brent Wootton

Education

A person or group that has effectively organized and delivered environmental education opportunities for children, youth, or adults.

Al Aubry, Catching Green, County of Haliburton Advocates for a Naturally Good Environment (CHANGE), Irene Heaven, Kinark Sustainable Living Centre, Amy Klose, Chris Magwood,

Business

A business or non-profit organization that has excelled in developing "green" business practices and/or providing "green" products/services that protect the environment.

Greg Brown, Catching Green, Glenside Ecological Services Limited, Patient News Publishing,

The Arts

An artist who has produced a body of work that celebrates our natural environment.

Wendy Bateman, Earthdance Studio, Carole Finn, Andy Hillo Jr., Robert Van Nood

Youth

A student up to 18 years of age who has demonstrated a commitment to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, or the arts.

Tessa Barnes, Marcus Hewitt, Kyla Suchovs

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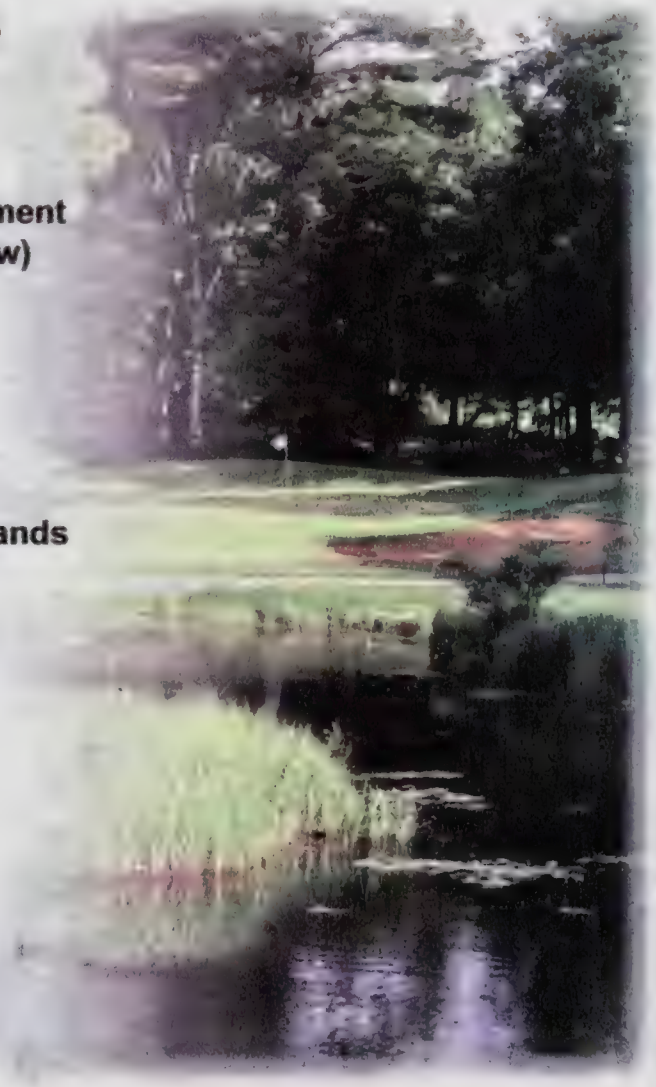

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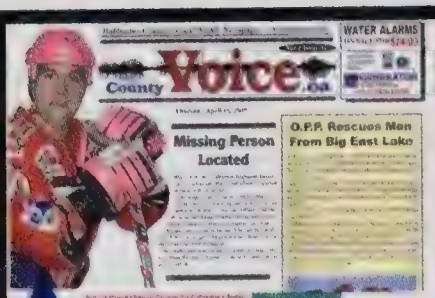

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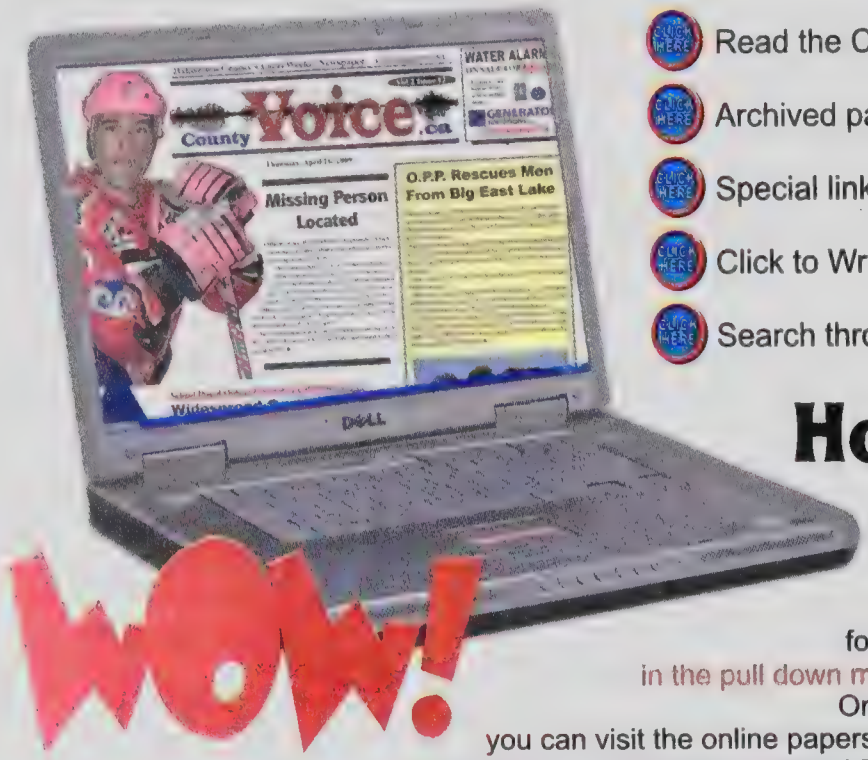

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Ghost Stories
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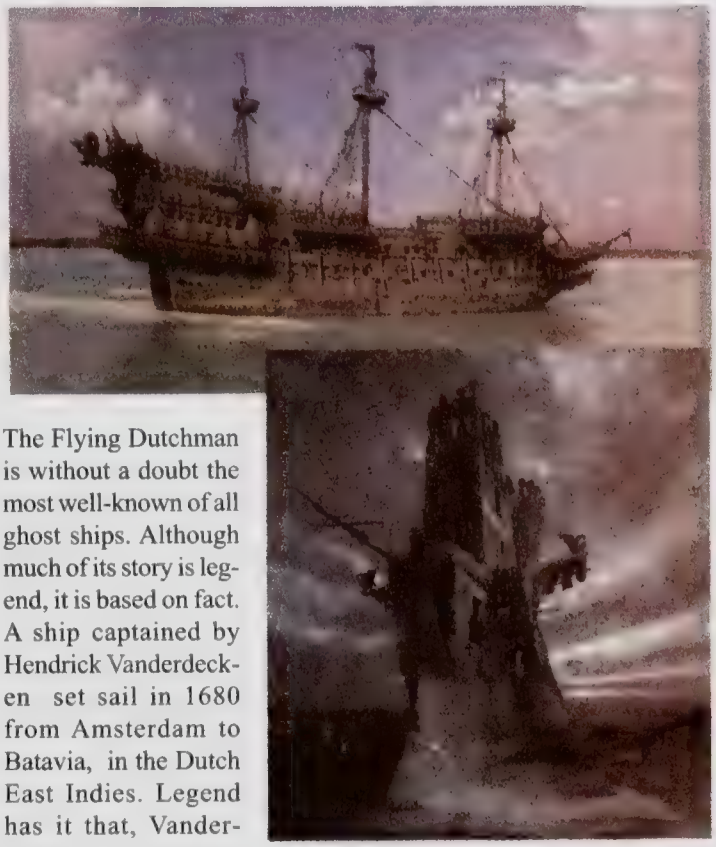
The Flying Dutchman



The Flying Dutchman is without a doubt the most well-known of all ghost ships. Although much of its story is legend, it is based on fact. A ship captained by Hendrick Vanderdecken set sail in 1680 from Amsterdam to Batavia, in the Dutch East Indies. Legend has it that, Vanderdecken's ship encountered a severe storm as is was rounding the Cape of Good Hope. Ignoring the dangers of the storm Vanderdecken pressed on. Battered by the storm, the ship foundered, all aboard died. As punishment for his arrogance, Vanderdecken and his ship were doomed to ply the waters near the Cape for eternity. The Flying Dutchman –was being seen even into the 20th century. One of the first recorded sightings was by the captain and crew of a British ship in 1835. They recorded that they saw the phantom ship approaching in the shroud of a terrible storm. It came so close that the British crew feared the two ships might collide, but then the ghost ship suddenly vanished. It was again seen by two crewmen of the H.M.S. Bacchante in 1881. The following day, one of those men fell from the rigging to his death. In March, 1939, the ghost ship was seen off the coast of South Africa by dozens of bathers who provided detailed descriptions of the ship, although most had probably never seen a 17th century merchantman. The last recorded sighting was in 1942 off the coast of Cape Town. Four witnesses saw the Dutchman sail into Table Bay... and disappear.

Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Dorsan

Bored with regular coffee, but don't want to spend a lot on flavoured coffee grounds? Do it in-house and by the cup using ingredients you probably already have on hand. Use almond or vanilla extract. A few drops will flavor up a cup. Try cinnamon or cocoa powder, or stir in a butterscotch hard candy for sweetness as well as flavor.

Here's a great e-mail tip from G.L. that's both money-saving and landfill-saving: "When making a quilt, you can save money by using an old blanket instead of batting."

"I keep several toothbrushes for cleaning, and when I add one to my collection, I make sure to wrap the handle in masking tape. That way it can never be confused for a regular toothbrush again." -- R.R. in Florida

To clean a bread board, dampen the surface, then sprinkle liberally with salt. Use the cut side of a lemon half to scrub the surface. Allow it to dry.

Go Green Tip: Get an energy audit from your power provider. Most provide them for free, and some companies even offer incentives if you make changes in your home that make it more energy efficient.

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Need a LIFT?

by Trudy Pogue

LIFT stands for Ladies In Fellowship Together. It happens on the first Thursday of every month and is an opportunity for the women in our community, both young and not-so-young, to enjoy a night out. The evening starts off with food – a few tasty desserts, fruit, cheese, crackers, coffee and an assortment of specialty teas. Each meeting also includes a special feature, music and a speaker. The special feature is usually a woman who represents a local business or organization, or who has a particular area of expertise, for example, gardening. Past presenters include Cindy Trapp, financial consultant; Laura Trach, textile artist; Franka Andriano of Franka's Delectables Catering; and Registered Midwife Rebecca Weeks-Toth.

The music and speaker are also different each month. The speaker shares her personal testimony. Speaking from her heart about her faith in God, she often shares touching, real-life stories.

On April 2, cosmetician Emmy Lester spoke on "How to Look Like a Model on a Drugstore Budget." She talked about skin care, makeup and hair care, and recommended several affordable products. The audience had lots of questions for Emmy, ranging from how to make your lips look bigger to whether some lipsticks actually contain horse manure! (The answer was no).

Grade twelve student Lindsey Hawley shared her beautiful voice with a few a cappella pieces, including Mighty To Save and a modern rendition of Amazing Grace.

Speaker Mary Cannon, Youth Outreach Worker for Youth Unlimited and part-time teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, told her story to the approximately 60-70 women in attendance. Sharing several of her life experiences, Mary revealed how she learned that God's plans for her life are always better than her own.

Recognizing the importance of men in women's lives, LIFT opens its doors to both men and women twice a year, in February and June. Women are encouraged to bring a male guest and men are also included in the program. This past February Ron Mahler, pastor of Highland Lakes Community Church in Minden, and his wife Elaine shared their testimonies, and local marquetry artist Kevin Dunlop was the special feature.

LIFT began in 1995 when Lyn Unsworth saw a need for an evening just for women. Admission is free; voluntary donations cover their expenses, such as food and facility rental.

"We want these women to feel special," says Unsworth.

All women are invited to come out and feel special on Thursday, May 7, at 7:30pm at Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton. Enjoy the annual Lily Ann Fashion Show. This event is always a big hit (you will be surprised at the treasures to be found)! Marlene Vieira will be the speaker, with Toos Reid providing the music. For more information about LIFT, please contact Julie at 286-4943.

It's Happening in Kinmount!

by Lynne Kilby

To highlight the importance of Earth Day, several initiatives were undertaken around Kinmount. City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Ric McGee, along with ward councillor Dave Hodgson planted a Harlequin Maple tree at Austin Sawmill Park by the Railway Station.

The 1st Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders attended a special Earth Day Program prepared just for them at Kinmount Public Library. Special thanks to librarian Maryann Dobsi and former librarian Bonnie Wilkins for their superb efforts in providing the girls with a delightfully informative evening. The library also offered a special Earth Day theme for preschoolers at their weekly storytime.

And yet to come – remember to mark May 2 on your calendar for Kinmount's Annual Pitch-In Day. Show Kinmount pride during its 150th anniversary year by helping to give our town a spring facelift! The community is invited to meet at Kinmount Railway Station at 9:00 a.m., choose a route, get supplies, and help give Kinmount a spring makeover! Refreshments served on completion.

Now that spring has sprung, you may be interested in joining the Kinmount Walking Group, which meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (weather permitting) at 8:30 a.m. by the pharmacy. Call 488-1960 for more information.

Beginning May 1, the jackpot at the Royal Canadian Legion Friday Night Bingo increases to $300.00 Must Go and beginning May 5 the legion offers a weekly lunch every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hot meals $6 – Soup & sandwich $5. Tea and coffee included.

May - It's easy to see why it's often referred to as the merry, merry month of May. It's not just the return of the warm sun, blossoming trees and flowers that bring forth cheer but the rebirth of many seasonal businesses and activities. Highlands Cinemas, Chatty Kelly's, and Kinmount Fish 'n' Chips all re-open May 1. Don't forget the return of yard sales, the farmers market, music in the park, artists at the station and extended hours at the LCBO! The 2nd annual Kinmount Kountry Jamboree returns June 25-28th and 10 festive days are yours to enjoy when Kinmount 150th Anniversary Celebrations take place from July 24 through to August 2. Indeed, Kinmount has much to look forward to with the oncoming season.

Upcoming Events:

May 9 - Kinmount Public Library holds a walk in Mother's Day Craft session.

May 10 - Treat Mom to a delicious Mother's Day Brunch at Harmony Farm, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Reservations recommended. Call 488-3300.

May 16 - Kinmount Farmers Market, located at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, re-opens for its 9th season with more vendors than ever before. Free Basket Draw. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

May 16 - Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the lower level of Kinmount Public Library. Great treasurers at bargain prices!

May 16 & 17 - Kinmount Model Railroad Display at Kinmount Railway Station re-opens for the season every Saturday & Sunday.

May 16, 17, 18 - Kinmount Artisans Marketplace celebrates its 10th Anniversary, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enter to win a free quilt with any purchase over $10.

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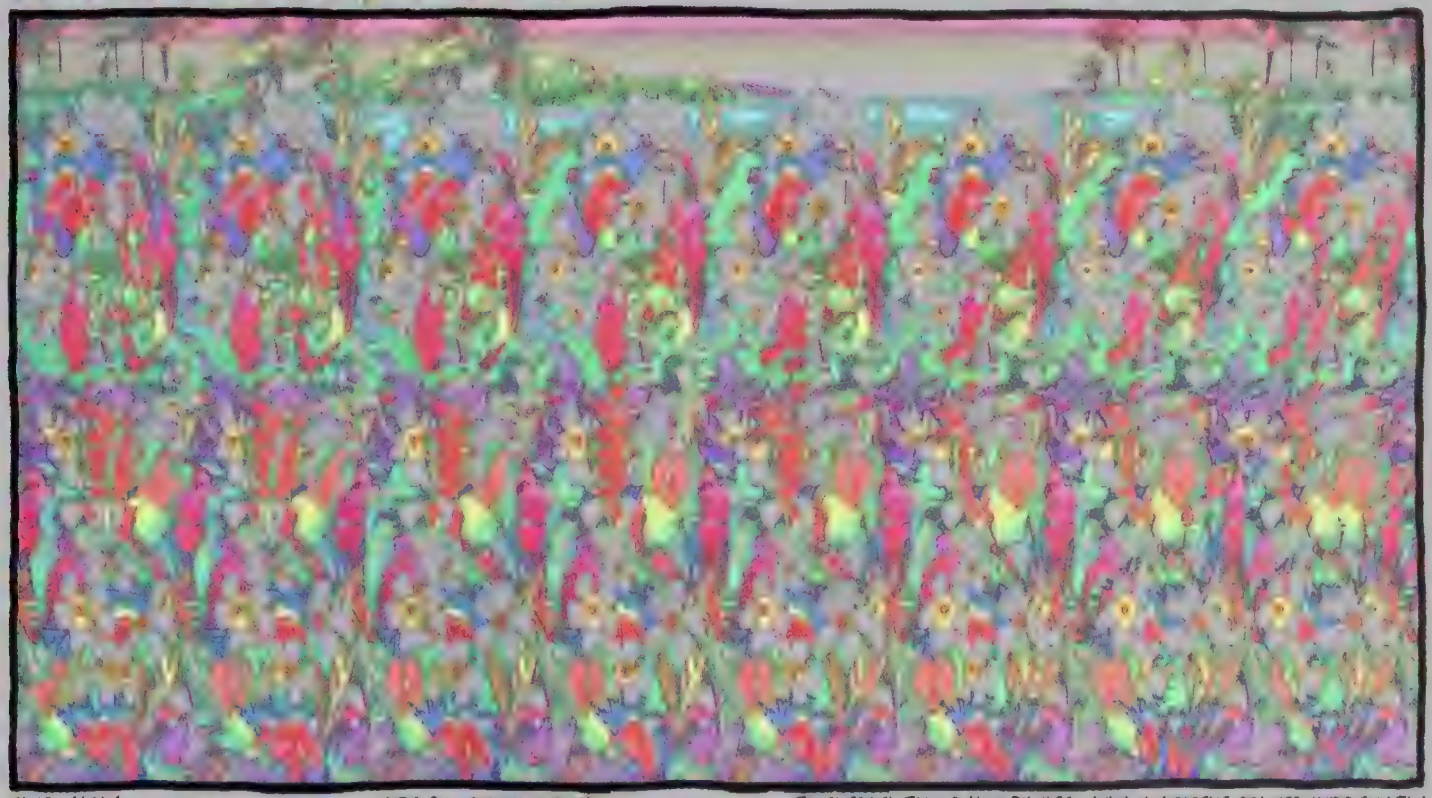

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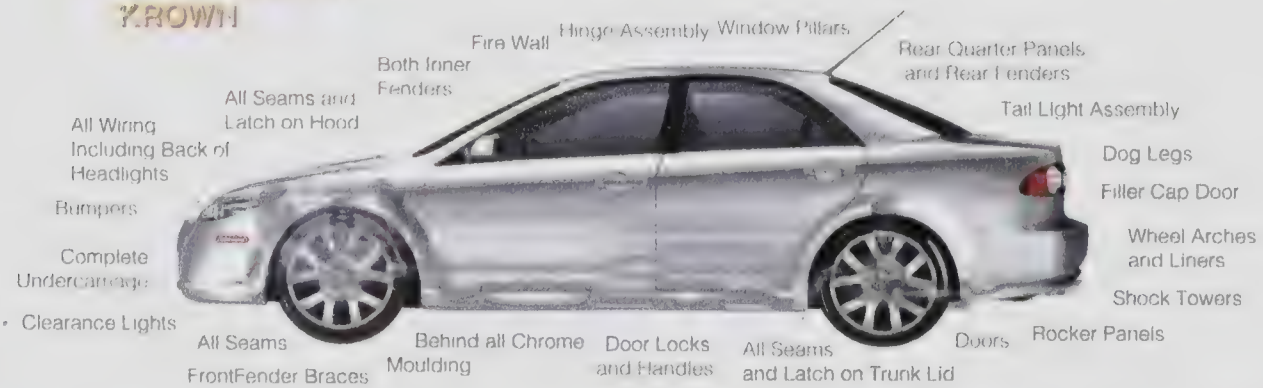

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Ambitious Student Aims to Help His Peers

By Mark Arike

Student Works Painting Can Handle Your Interior/Exterior Painting and Staining Jobs

Dan Goodwin may only be 19 years old, but in his case, 'age ain't nothin' but a number'.

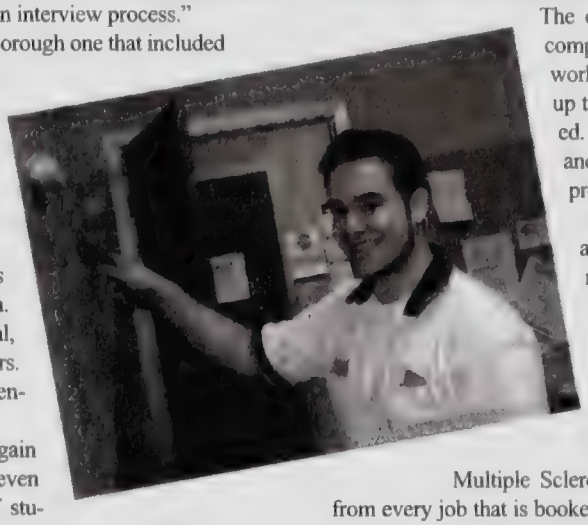
The ambitious Haliburton native, who just finished his first year of studies in psychology at Laurier University, decided to take on a challenging summer job far different from what he has been accustomed to. It's the first time that Dan has ever been his own boss, and so far, he has done a fine job showing off his entrepreneurial spirit.

Last October, Dan landed a position as the owner/operator of Student Works Painting for the Haliburton County area.

"Student Works was recruiting students from campuses from all across Canada," said Dan, when explaining how he got the job. "I went through some information sessions and then went through an interview process."

Dan says that the interview process was a thorough one that included an extensive examination of each candidate.

"They look for people who are responsible and personable. They want to make sure you will be able to handle the workload and that you're good with people," he said.



So what is the Student Works Painting business, you might ask?

Well, it's a house painting company that has been in existence since 1981 all over Canada. Student Works offers residential, commercial, painting and staining services to its customers. University student who want to gain summer entrepreneurial experience run each branch.

Student Works allows these students to gain real-life business experience before they even graduate. This process creates hundreds of student summer jobs in the field of marketing and painting.

"This is giving me a better experience in comparison to what I could get at most other summer jobs," said Dan.

During his years at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Dan excelled academically and he showed that he possessed leadership abilities.

"I was the minister of athletics and I did a couple of other things," he explained. "I also received the school letter, which is given to students who do well in all aspects of student life."

Soon after Dan heard the words 'you're hired', it was time to get down to business. As he has found out, running your own business is no walk in the park. He has been responsible for coordinating all aspects of the business, including marketing, sales, recruiting and the actual work itself.

"For marketing, I've have between two and four guys who go out every weekend to knock on doors in search of clients. I've been responsible for hiring students, so I've advertised at various job banks and through other outlets," explained Dan.

Though he has already hired a few student employees, there is always room for more.

"I'll be hiring throughout the summer," he pointed out, "so if someone is a good painter I'd probably be able to bring him or her on-board."

A majority of the painting jobs are being done in Haliburton County, but Dan will also have crews in Bobcaygeon and Muskoka (Bracebridge and Huntsville).

Dan says that Student Works painters take on projects that vary in size. In fact, some can be quite large.

"We'll do jobs that are big or small," he said. "Every year, Student Works employees get some massive jobs. I know a manager in Muskoka last year who had students take on work at Muskoka Woods (a resort) and the arena in the town of Gravenhurst.

So how does Dan go about recruiting college and university students to Student Works, and what does he look for?

"I obviously try to get the best people that I can. Those who have previous painting experience are usually at the top of the list, but even those who don't have prior painting experience and are athletic, responsible and have a positive attitude, have a good chance of getting hired."

During the first week on the job, students go through a training process.

"That's when they are shown how to do everything," said Dan. "They are coached and then I can see who is good at doing what."

According to the Student Works web site, crews are "fully trained to execute both interior and exterior work."

The company offers its clients an industry-leading, comprehensive three-year warranty on exterior paintwork. The warranty covers both labour and paint for up to 36 months after the original work was executed. Through preparation work, advanced primers and high-quality paints are the key ingredients to providing such an outstanding offer of protection.

Student Works painters use top quality products at each and every job site. The company is partnered up with ICI Dulux Paints, the world's largest manufacturer of paints and stains.

The company also offers full washing and preparation work, full workers compensation and $5,000,000 liability insurance.

Student Works has also reached out to communities as an official national sponsor of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. A portion of proceeds from every job that is booked with the company contributes to the important cause. As a result, the student network raises thousands annually.

Students employed with Student Works benefit from their summer job because it allows them to work full-time hours in a positive team-orientated environment with decent compensation.

"My employees can make a decent wage. It's a pretty fun job because your working with people around your age, you're outside a lot and it's easy going," said Dan.

Clients can also expect to have their requests fulfilled and expectations met by the student workers. Once they agree to have work done on their building, Student Works collects only 25 per cent of the costs upfront, with the remainder collected once the job is complete.

"Everyday on the job we call the client at the end of the day or leave them a progress report so they know what we've done. Once finished, we do a walk-around with them. If they want any touch-ups done we do them and we don't collect the final payment until they say that they are completely satisfied," said Dan.

According to Student Works, 93 per cent of surveyed clients said they would recommend others use the services of the student painters.

If you're interested in hiring local student painters employed with Student Works, simply go online to http://www.studentworks.com. Then click on the free estimate link. From there you can fill out a form with your name, phone number and postal code. That information will automatically be forwarded to Dan.

Once he receives the information, you should expect to receive a call back from him within 48 hours. He will then carefully evaluate your needs and schedule an in-person appointment for a detailed project estimate.

If you prefer to call in for a request just dial 1-800-803-1100.

Students (preferably in college or university) can email Dan at dangoodwin@live.ca to inquire about any possible job opportunities.

Dumb Criminals

I've fallen and I can't get up

A 350-pound man tried to rob a Long Island jewelry store. While ordering everyone in the store to "hit the floor," the would-be robber lost his balance and fell

to the floor himself. He couldn't get up. A couple of kindly police officers helped him to his feet a few minutes later.

Giddyup and Away!

Haliburton County Horseman Expand Shows

The Haliburton County Horsemen's Association (HCHA) is pleased to announce an expanded series of gymkhanas from two per year to four per year. Members will now compete to earn points towards year-end awards.

A Gymkhana is a series of games testing the skills and training of both horse and rider. This summer's shows will take place on the second Sundays of May, June, and August at the Minden fairgrounds, starting at 10 am.

The HSHA welcomes spectators to all these events, just to stop by, or to take advantage of the many photo opportunities, or to ask questions. These speed and skill events make for an exciting day for the whole family.

The HSHA offers family memberships at just $20 per year, and as a member you get access to many special events and information. The HSHA is the only Gymkhana club in the area. For further information, visit their website at www.hcha.ca. And remember, the first Gymkhana is on Sunday, May 10th, at 10 am at the Minden Fairgrounds.

About the Association...

The Haliburton County Horsemen's Association is a non-profit horse club located in the heart of Haliburton County. They are a group of horse enthusiasts who provide an opportunity for all people interested in horses to get together and expand their knowledge and safe enjoyment of horses. They do this by involving their members in educational activities such as equestrian clinics and demonstrations, as well as local shows where you can improve your riding skills by competing with others. Their members stay connected through social events held year-round such as trail rides, potluck dinners and corn roasts, as well as other get-togethers. You don't need a horse to be a member of the Haliburton County Horsemen's Association - just a willingness to have fun and enjoy the company of other horse lovers.

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Haliburton School of The Arts Offerings Demonstrate Environmental Consciousness

New courses and workshops at Fleming College's Haliburton School of The Arts are helping to demonstrate an environmental consciousness rooted in the arts.

Below is a list of the new courses:

Furniture Repainted and Transformed

Do you have a piece of furniture that doesn't fit the interior of your home or a wonderful old gem in your cottage or garage? Go green - recycle, repurpose and rejuvenate that chair, table or cabinet. Instructor Margot Miller will teach students standard and decorative painting techniques, transformative methods such as changing the length of table legs, adding new feet, incorporating scroll work, hand-painting a cushion, or changing texture and colour to create a work of art. Instruction will accommodate all levels of skill. Bring your own piece of small furniture to transform. This course runs the week of July 20, 2009.

Repurposed Materials

The treasured tablecloth from family celebrations, the curtain from the kitchen window of the family cottage, or salvaged remnants bound for the landfill can be given a new decorative and functional purpose. Learn how to obtain and reuse fabric from sources other than new and create a one-of-a-kind handbag or tote. This weeklong course is taught by Vicky Gerke and takes place the week of Aug. 3, 2009.

Re-Usable Bag Workshop

The three Rs - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - are the three pillars of recycling philosophy. Thinking of the three Rs can help reduce your shopping bill as well as the impact on the environment. Transform an old umbrella, an old jean skirt or something else into a one-of-a-kind eco-friendly grocery bag and reduce the use of plastic bags. Basic sewing skills are needed for this workshop, which takes place on Aug. 1, 2009. The Re-Usable Bag workshop will be taught by Evelyn Bouma, an icon in the world of upholstery and innovative interior design.

Upholstery Workshop

Also taught by Evelyn Bouma, the Upholstery workshop on July 25, 2009 will again apply the principles of the three Rs. Upholster a footstool and discover how to redesign family heirlooms to blend with the décor of your home. Basic techniques will be applied to a footstool kit which will be supplied in class. Students are also invited to bring a small piece of furniture you would like to reupholster such as a dining chair or stool.

In the striking setting of the Haliburton Highlands you will find a campus that serves the arts, the environment and the local community. Haliburton School of The Arts is well-known for its 15-week intensive, in-studio certificate programs and its extensive summer arts programming. Hundreds of courses for individuals of all ages are offered between May and September.

The campus is also home to environmental education, such as the unique Sustainable Building Design and Construction program, which allows students to build a community structure from the ground up using sustainable materials and methods.

Haliburton's local community draws on the campus for a wide-ranging variety of continuing education courses as well as academic upgrading.

For more information on any of the courses, workshops or programs offered at the Haliburton School of The Arts, please visit www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca or www.flemingcollege.com

Located in central Ontario, Fleming College has campus locations in Peterborough, Lindsay, Cobourg and Haliburton. Named after famous Canadian inventor and engineer Sir Sandford Fleming, the college features more than 90 full-time programs in Business, Computing and Hospitality, Continuing Education and Skilled Trades, Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences, Fine Arts, Health and Wellness, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Law, Justice and Community Services. Fleming College has 5,000 full-time and 10,000 part-time students, and more than 54,000 alumni.

For more on the college or courses, visit www.flemingc.on.ca/HSTA/

Highlands
Wilderness Training institute

Prepare For An Emergency in the Wild

Find Out How to Handle the Unexpected with First Aid Training

Ever thought that you might face a dangerous situation while trekking out in the back country? Well then the basic Wilderness First Aid Training course could help better prepare you for the unexpected.

In this two day course scheduled to take place from Friday, May 15 – Sunday, May 17 you will get a great introduction to wilderness emergency care.

The goal of the program, hosted by the Highlands Wilderness Training Institute, is to equip participants with the basic knowledge and skills to adapt first-aid techniques to the demands of wilderness locations. This course is ideal for those who want a brief, but intense introduction to wilderness first-aid and are primarily doing personal trips and outings in remote areas. CPR is included and recognized for workplace safety standards.

In this two day course, there will be one day of classroom instruction followed by one day in the outdoors, mostly on scenarios that involve: emergency scene management, bleeding, one to three person rescue carries, secondary survey using a checklist, bone and joint injuries, ongoing care and evacuation decisions.

This course is scheduled for 20 hours (e.g. Friday night, Saturday and Sunday). The cost of the course is $195.

For more information contact Scott Hembruff at 705 286-0133 or email lifelineontario@gmail.com.

The Highlands Wilderness Training Institute

The Highlands Wilderness Training Institute is based out of Minden. The training facility is located on a densely forested piece of private land with a typical Canadian Shield landscape.

The Highlands Wilderness Training Institute offers high quality training in the area of Wilderness First Aid and Outdoor Education, including Wilderness Survival and Outdoor Leadership skills.

The Courses and Teachers at the Facility

The major reasons people find it difficult to survive in the outdoors in an emergency situation comes down to their lack of understanding about the basic skills of survival or wilderness first aid, alongside a tendency to panic. In knowing what the basic skills of survival are and possessing a basic or advanced level of wilderness first aid, you'll be able to withstand an emergency situation more competently and, in extreme cases, it can even mean the difference between life and death.

Instructors at the facility possess real world experience, having taught in places like Yellowknife and Inuvik in Canada's Northwest Territories during -58 degree temperatures in the dead of winter.

In addition to the survival training and outdoor leadership courses, you can sign-up to internationally certified wilderness first aid courses at both the Basic & Advanced Level. All of the first aid and CPR courses are recognized by federal and provincial government standards, and regulations for first aid training both in the community and in the workplace.

Why participate in Wilderness Survival Training?

We all can appreciate butane lighters, bottles of distilled water, and vehicle navigation systems that guide us to our favourite restaurants, but why and how do we have these items? Do we really need them?

Today the topic of survival makes for great entertainment while sitting comfortably on soft couches, but why is it so entertaining? Is it the arduous adventure, the delectable meals, or could it be the discomfort others are feeling while we munch on processed potatoes?

Survival activities are wonderfully entertaining and educational, but they offer a considerable amount more if we place them in the context of OUR lives. How did OUR great grandparents provide for themselves?

Would I be able to provide for myself, my family, as they did only a century ago? How about our grandparents of only fifty years ago?

Much is lost through the ages. Difficult ways are often intentionally forgotten. The hard times in our past are left out of the stories that we pass on to others. Soon, large gaps replace relevant history in our lives.

Take a few steps back in time with and learn how our ancestors lived. Hopefully these few steps turn into a journey of personal discovery and provide you with a link to your personal history.

These courses provide you with: education, self reliance, and environmental awareness.

WILD ABOUT NATURE

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The full list of 28 Enviro-Hero nominees is available at www.haliburtonlandtrust

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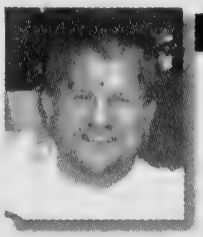

THE PIPE LINE

by Mark Evans

Well another Earth Day has passed and the next will mark the 40th Anniversary of this very important day. Many exciting events worldwide celebrated our great planet but I prefer a more subtle, quieter reflection of Mother Earth. Surely we all could spare a few minutes in the yard alone or with a small group to remember the humble septic system.

Buried and forgotten, quietly accepting all that we don't want. Taking away life's unpleasantness and asking little in return. An occasional "Septo Tab" is a small price to pay to have the Earth effortlessly cleanse our waste.

I know there's little chance of my septic tank parade getting any support but you could take other action. You could acknowledge this wondrous system simply by keeping heavy equipment off of it. Even walking on it or cutting the grass when the ground is soft may cause damage and never, never put grease down the drain.

Earth Day could serve as the yearly reminder to assess the condition of your system much like daylight savings is the time to check smoke alarms. Having the septic tank pumped out is way better than the scuba gear diving method to see how things are working down there, believe me.

Remember that tree roots find weeping beds irresistible and will clog it quickly. Annual plants and grass are acceptable foliage but everything else should be kept well away from our friend the septic system.

A little TLC will keep things perking along just fine. Only human waste and toilet paper down the drain and the Earth will do the rest. I wish my truck required so little maintenance and repair but we're a long way from making anything as efficient as Mother Nature.

Cheers !

Scientifically Speaking

What When Where Why How

Why do Most Cereals Crackle When You Add Milk To Them?

When milk sits in a carton in the fridge, it's perfectly quiet. And when puffed rice cereal sits in its box, it doesn't crackle or pop. So why all the noise when you mix the two together? It has to do with the way the cereal is made. Puffed rice cereal is made by heating the ingredients at very high temperatures. When that happens, water inside each bit of rice expands suddenly and blows it up like a balloon, leaving each piece with very tiny cavities all over its surface. (If you look closely at your cereal, or put a piece under a magnifying glass, you'll see these tiny holes.) When milk is added, it flows over these little cavities and traps air inside them. Then, as the milk slowly starts to seep into the tiny holes, it forces the air out. And it's that air being released that you hear as a "pop" or a "crackle".

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With today's lower interest rates should you switch your mortgage?

with Susan Lee

Yes CMHC (Canadian Housing and Mortgage Corporation, a non profit government organization that provides default insurance for Canadians on home purchases) has done away with the 0% down payment (dp) but they have eased up on some of their other requirements around dp and closing cost (lawyer fee for example) resulting in a different kind of 0% dp.

Up to a couple of months ago a purchaser needed to have in their own savings 1.5% of the purchase price on deposit for 60 days. The dp could be gifted from a family member but the 1.5% closing cost could not. Now, both the 5% dp and 1.5% closing cost can come from savings (which could be RRSP for first time home buyer), be gifted from a family member, borrowed or a combination of all three.

Perhaps borrowing or getting a gift from someone for some or all of the dp is not an option for you. Another option is to use the lender's cash back mortgage products. With a cash back mortgage the lender (on a 5 year term) will provide 4% of the mortgage amount in cash. This cash can now be used as part of the dp requirement on your purchase. While not quite the full amount needed for the dp it is a good start. Please note that with a cash back mortgage the rate of interest will be higher for this product.

Also with lower property prices today and lower interest rates, a purchaser is more likley to qualify for a mortgage now than a few years ago when the 0% dp was available. On March 8, 2008 my 5 year fixed rate was 5.80% now the 5 year fixed is 3.95%. So on a $100,000.00 mtg over 35 years amortization the payment has gone from $552.25 per month at 5.80% to $437.86 at the 3.95% available now a difference of $114.39 per month.

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It's The Law

It was once against the law in Houston to buy goose liver, rye bread, or Limburger cheese on Sundays!

In Waterville Maine, it was once against the law to blow your nose in public!

In 1610, a law was passed in Virginia making it illegal and punishable by death to miss church more than three times in a row!

In the ancient city of Amyclae, it was forbidden by law to spread rumors of any kind. Violators faced execution!

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What was the name of the college that was the setting for "Animal House"?
2. AD SLOGANS: What product had the slogan, "They plump when you cook 'em."
3. AUTOS: What inspired Cadillac's iconic tail fins in the 1950s?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the Ishihara test determine?
5. MUSIC: Who was the last musician to perform at the 1969 Woodstock music festival?
6. TELEVISION: What was Phoebe's twin sister's name on the sitcom "Friends"?
7. ANATOMY: How long does it take for a toenail or fingernail to grow from base to tip?
8. WEATHER: Most tornadoes in the U.S. form during what period of the year?
9. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which 20th century comedian said, "Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city"?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only Canadian province that borders the Great Lakes?

Answers

1. Faber College
2. Ball Park Franks
3. Twin rudders on Lockheed P38 aircraft
4. Color blindness
5. Jimi Hendrix

Bad Predictions

The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to no one in particular *Associates of David Sarnoff responding to the latter's call for investment in the radio in 1921.*

Lange on the Law

Donald Lange

by Donald J. Lange
Barrister & Solicitor

A Garden in Cottage Country

Squatters' rights are alive and well in cottage country! Here is a case which was decided in February. John and George were neighbours in cottage country. Both used their properties as seasonal summer cottages. John claimed squatters' rights over 15 feet of George's property. He argued that he and his predecessors in title had occupied the disputed lands for over 45 years. John's lands had been in his family since 1926. He testified that the disputed lands were used from 1932 to 1940 when his parents installed a septic system for their cottage. He stated that George's predecessors never objected, at that time, that John's family were using George's land. A water reservoir built by John's mother in 1951 was wholly situated on the disputed lands. George's predecessors again never objected to it being located where it was built. From 1963 to 1996, John's family used the entire area of the disputed lands as flower gardens to beautify the cottage property and they continued to maintain the area by mowing the grass and planting smaller gardens on the disputed lands.

The court held that John had proved his case for more than 10 years, which is the time period required to prove squatters' rights. The court found that John and his family enjoyed "open, notorious, constant, and continuous use" of the disputed lands from at least 1963 until 1996 when the area was used as flower gardens. One issue in the case was whether the summer seasonal use of the cottage defeated John's claim because the disputed lands were not occupied in the winter. The argument was that there was no "continuous use" of the disputed lands. The court concluded somewhat weakly that, although John and his family only used the property as a summer cottage, they maintained the property throughout the year by, for example, visiting the property during the winter to check on it after severe winter storms.

The law that was applied in the case is the law relating to adverse possession. The judge explained two scenarios where the law may apply: "The first includes those situations where people assert title by adverse possession arising from his or her trespassing or squatting. These have been referred to as the "inconsistent use" cases. The use of the trespasser is openly inconsistent with the intended uses of the land by the legal owner. The second line of cases involves scenarios in which title by adverse possession is obtained because of a mutually held mistake or ignorance as to who holds rightful ownership over a tract of land." Which scenario applied to John?

In the next column, I will be talking about whether legislation can affect your legal rights retroactively.

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Stress Busters

Quick Tips To Lower That Stress Level

Nature Break

Spending time outdoors, however briefly, can provide revitalizing relief from the stress of daily life. Consider getting away fro a weekend retreat at a state or national park. Rent a camper or a cabin, or just camp – whatever suits your style.

Learn A Word

Cajole

\ke-jol\ v 1: to persuade with flattery or gentle urging especially in the face of reluctance : coax 2: to deceive with soothing words or false promises

Peter's friends cajoled him into accompanying them to the party, insisting that it wouldn't be any fun without him.

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What adventure will you choose?

Water and good hygiene can be the difference between life and death. In India, much of the water is contaminated by sewage and agricultural run-off. The World Bank estimates that 21 per cent of communicable diseases are caused by unsafe water and that 1,600 people die daily from diarrhea.

Help A Village Effort began 27 years ago in Haliburton County to make a difference for some of those communities that don't have the means to drill their own wells for fresh water and have never been educated in safe water practices.

Every year in June major fundraising events take place across the country for HAVE raising the money needed for wells. In 27 years, that money has been spent on 103 wells all across India.

"I have visited the rural villages of India and have witnessed the incredible difference a well can make to a village," said chairperson of HAVE, Ron Reid.

In the beginning, funds were raised through annual Walk for Water events. Over the years, it has evolved into Choose Your Own Adventure, where people are free to do whatever they'd like to raise money for wells. Each well costs about $1,500 to install, so every little bit is a huge help.

In the past, people have done triathlons, barbecues, sold gift baskets, swam major bodies of water and walked to raise money – everyone can do what she or he likes.

"Last year we invited visitors to our pottery studio to decorate a clay tile which we then fired for them for a $10 donation to HAVE. We plan to do this again this summer. So your adventure can be anything you would like to do to help raise funds to build wells," said long-time HAVE board member Debbie Wales.

This year, some of the HAVE board members are going to raise money for their raft in Minden's Canada Day raft race. Members of the community are invited to raise money for their own rafts to challenge the HAVE crew.

Whether you want to make a raft, run a marathon or sponsor someone who is choosing her own adventure, HAVE and the Indian villagers gaining wells from your donations would be extremely grateful.

Tax receipts are issued for any donation made to HAVE of more than $10.

To choose your own adventure, pick up a pledge sheet at the Haliburton Echo, Minden Times, Royal Lepage Haliburton or contact HAVE at 489-2431, have@interhop.net.

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Curves of Haliburton Under New Ownership

Exciting Changes in Store for Curves of Haliburton Members

Change is a good thing at Curves of Haliburton, whether it is making modifications to your lifestyle, seeing a decrease on the scale, or a change of ownership.

Curves of Haliburton is embracing change and has announced it is now under new ownership. Wanda Byers took possession of the club on April 1, 2009. "I'm so excited to become part of the Haliburton Curves community," said Byers. "I'm looking forward to helping the women in our community reach amazing results, both physical and emotional, through our Curves workout program and support network. With change comes progress!"

Current club members, their guests, and members of the local media can meet Byers at a special open house event to be held on May 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Exciting changes to the club will be unveiled, including the CurvesSmart System.

Byers was raised in Eagle Lake and received her education in Haliburton. Over the years, she has been involved in figure skating, minor hockey and even fed fish at the hatchery. She has been a member of Curves for over six years.

With the average person gaining three pounds a year, a reasonable workout regimen that can fit into today's busy lifestyle of work and family is critical to help combat diabetes, osteoporosis, hypertension, heart disease and other health risks that women can face.

Curves' exercise program consists of thirty minutes of exercise three times a week, during which participants work all major muscle groups and receive a great cardio workout. It includes all five components of a complete exercise program: warm-up, strength training, cardio, cool down, and stretching.

In addition to a proven workout plan, Curves of Haliburton offers various programs to help motivate and assist women in obtaining a healthy lifestyle, including: CurvesSmartT personal coaching system, a new technology pioneered by Curves that offers a precision designed workout, moment to moment feedback and progress reports to keep members motivated while they work out; and www.CurvesComplete.com, an online weight-loss subscription service that provides subscribers with diet and fitness information, tools, experts and motivation to achieve their weight-loss goals.

For more information about Curves, contact Wanda Byers at (705) 457-9256 or visit www.curves.com.

About Curves

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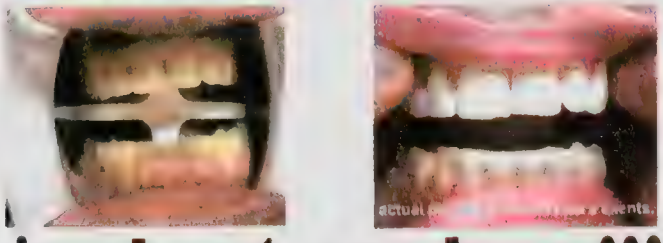

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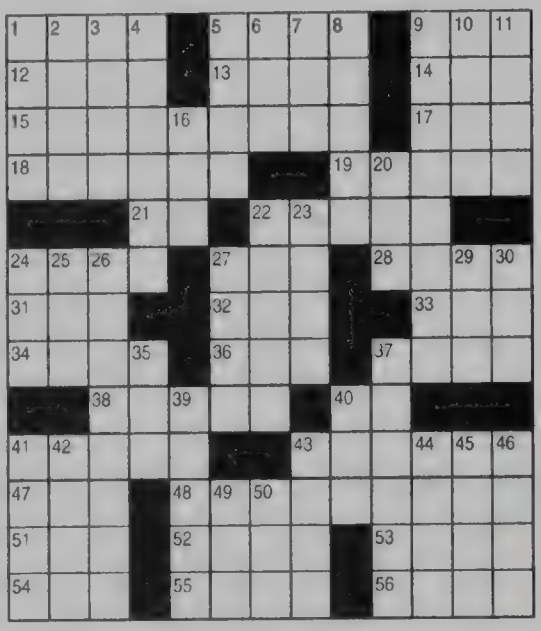

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1 Audacious
5 See 6-Down
9 Waste no time
12 Hebrew month
13 Brewery creations
14 Peculiar
15 Breakfast spuds
17 "Family Guy" daughter
18 Tire patterns
19 Adversary
21 Mother
22 Ask (for), as a loan
24 Wan
27 Occupation
28 Shakespeare sobriquet
31 Writer Buscaglia
32 Parisian pal
33 Stickum
34 Dalai —
36 "Of course"
37 Mile fractions
38 Go in
40 Greeting
41 Fibula neighbor
43 Aromatic resin
47 Perp. to vert.
48 Base runner's goal
51 Lamb's dam
52 Exam format
53 Unyielding
54 Gullet
55 Right on the map?
56 Knight's backup

DOWN
1 Thai money
2 Bloodhound's clue
3 Weak, as an excuse
4 So-o-o-o handsome
5 Monkey —
6 With 5-Across, "open sesame" man
7 Spelldown
8 No liability
9 Web site intro
10 The same (Lat.)
11 Provocative
16 Food safety org.
20 Gist
22 Marge's hubby
23 Sacred Egyptian bird
24 Every crumb
25 Vast expanse
26 Domestic beer?
27 Davidson of "The Crying Game"
29 Fish eggs
30 Speck
35 Blackbird
37 Embellishment
39 U.S. resort lake
40 Chance
41 Yon folks
42 "The Music Man" locale
43 Sash
44 Rani's wrapper
45 Covering
46 Clothing store department
49 — pro nobis
50 More, to Manuel

Just Like Cats & Dogs

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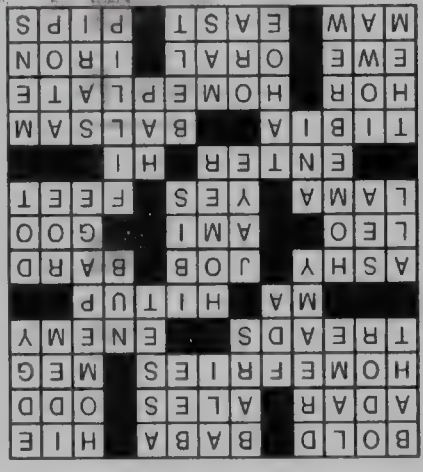
Tongue Twister

Say It Five Times Fast

I saw Esau kissing Kate. I saw Esau, he saw me, and she saw I saw Esau.



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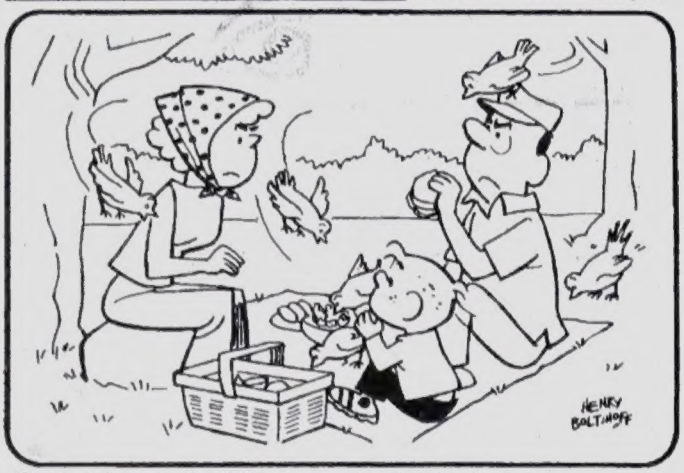
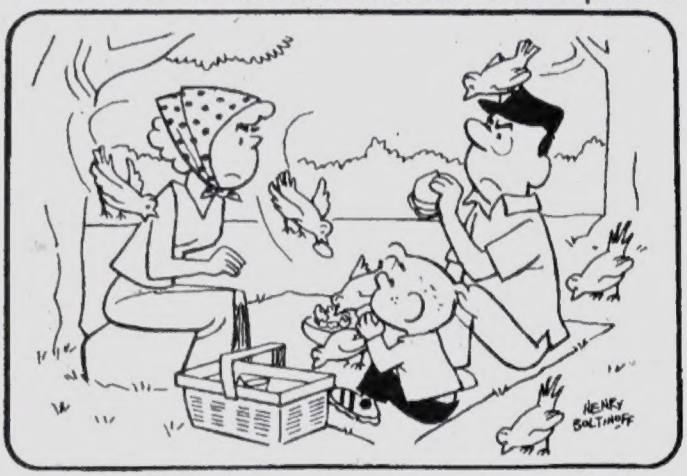
MADD Kawartha Lakes 4th Annual Strides for Change Walk is being held Saturday, June 6, 2009 at Victoria Park in downtown Lindsay, at Kent St. W. and Victoria Avenue. Registration begins at 8:00 am with opening ceremonies beginning at 9:00 a.m. The impaired driving simulator will be on hand as well as kids corner. For information about walking and receiving a pledge form, sponsoring the walk or making a financial donation to support the walk, please call the MADD Kawartha Lakes Chapter office at 328-9264 or email maddkawarthalakes@bellnet.ca.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Man's hat is black. 2. Rolls are missing. 3. Woman's blouse is different. 4. Bird added on the right. 5. Food is missing from basket. 6. Bird is eating a cracker.

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It was humorist and commentator Andy Rooney (of "60 Minutes" fame) who made the following sage observation: "Making duplicate copies and computer printouts of things no one wanted even one of in the first place is giving America a new sense of purpose."

At one time in Corpus Christi, Texas, city leaders saw fit to make it illegal for an individual to raise alligators in his or her home.

The next time you find yourself picking up a complimentary toothpick on your way out of a restaurant, you might want to consider this fact: More Americans choke on toothpicks than on any other item.

If you're a man, you might be surprised to learn that in a survey that was conducted recently, more than 40 percent of women in the United States admitted that they would wear a stylish shoe even if it were uncomfortable. If you're a woman, you might be surprised that the figure was only 40 percent.

Resources are very scarce in space, so it's important to conserve wherever possible. The astronauts on the International Space Station might be going a bit far, however; it's been reported that they change their underwear only every three or four days in order to cut down on laundry.

Those who study such things say that the average grocery store today carries approximately 30,000 different items -- that's more than twice as many items as those stores carried 20 years ago.

A couple of years ago, Mariah Carey -- the American singer, songwriter, actress and, not incidentally, pitch woman for Gillette's "Legs of a Goddess" ad campaign -- insured her legs for $1 billion.

Thought for the Day: "Writing is the only profession where no one considers you ridiculous if you earn no money." -- Jules Renard

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$479,000.000

Kennisis Lake - Large sand beach, western exposure, level lot. Ideal cottage or suitable to retire to. Garage & cabin. Open concept with lge kitchen, dining & living area. Natural stone fireplace & 3 bdrms. Cottage has a full finished walkout lower level with several rooms to use as you see fit including 3 pc bathroom. It is like a separate living space. Ideal for large family. New furnace 2007. Properties like this are hard to find.

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Check out this spectacular building lot on the West Shore of Kennisis Lake. 298 ft of frontage on 3.5 acres of well treed land. This lot is fairly level with many building sites to choose from. Great open big lake view. Enjoy the sun all day with the south easterly view. Driveway installed. Hydro and Bell at lot line also high speed available.

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Kennisis Lake great value. Enjoy 4 seasons with this totally upgraded cottage. 3 bdrms, 3 pc bath, all pine interior, hardwood floors. Insulation, windows, wiring and roof were changed. Lge deck to entertain on. Garage 16x32 heated floors, cold water and walls are pine. Upgraded septic. Lots of mature trees on this multi level property. Privacy is great. Come and experience the warm welcome this property gives you. Small area of sand to wade in with deep water off docks.

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